

POETRY.
A FEW RASH RHYMES.

Four to nothing was the score.
But the football ruckus was so fierce;
And they resumed their play once more;
When all the dead were buried.

An aviator soared the sky
With a bum propeller blade.
And when he tumbled down, oh my,
You ought to see the mess he made.

A man went in the sea to swim.
To have a briny lark.
But there a shark made of him
By some voracious shark.

And now his wife won't touch a dish
At dinner if it's labeled "fish."

The hunter stalked the Hippopot,
All through the jungle fearful.
And when they met, X marks the
spot—

But the hippo is more cheerful.

A farmer gave a shotgun to
His little son and heir;
The kiddo then shot baby, who
Passed away from there.
Said his dad, "I didn't figger
He had strength to pull the trigger."
A small boy saw a horsefly fool
Round the hind leg of a mule;
To shoo it off the lad knelt down—
And rose up with a harp and crown.
—Newark News.

I CANNOT SING THE OLD SONGS.
(Varietal)

I cannot sing the old songs.
 I cannot long years ago.
 For years and years would fall me,
 And foolish tears would flow;
 For bygone hours come over the heart.
 I will each dream again
 I cannot sing the old songs.
 Or dream those dreams again;
 I cannot sing those dreams again.
 Or dream those dreams again.
 I cannot sing the old songs.
 Their charm is sad and deep;
 Their melody would wake
 Old sorrows from their sleep.
 And though all forgotten still,
 And sad and gone,
 I cannot sing the old songs.
 They are too dear to me;
 I cannot sing them;
 They are too dear to me.
 I cannot sing the old songs.
 For visions come again
 Of old days and old things,
 Of old days and old things.

And years of weary pain.
Perhaps when earthly letters shall
Have set my spirit free,
My voice may know the old songs,
For all eternity;
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For all eternity.
—Charlotte A. Barnard, English poet
and composer, 1829-1886.

VIEWS AND VARIETIES

Clever Sayings

Stella—What would you do with five

Feet of books? Bella—I'd read the last foot first.—Puck.

Scapegrace nephew—I wish I had your appetite, Henry. Elderly relations be thankful you haven't my boy. It wouldn't fit your income.—Chicago Tribune.

The English language puzzles me often. I'm in doubt as to the meaning of it.

Why, when I'm on my uppers, am I also down and out?

—Detroit Free Press.

Though money talks, 'tis safe to bet that 'What'er it is, it's worth the company it never has been known as yet.

To give itself away.

—Pittsburg Post.

"We're sleeping on the floor at our house, and to accompany us, my company." "Hard luck ah!" No. Fool judgment.

"Pa." said little Willie Skulebagger, "teacher told us to be prepared tomorrow."

row to tell what meter 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' is in." "That's easy," replied W. Skulebagger the elder. "Gas meter, of course."—Catholic Standard and Times.

"A play," remarked the theatrical manager, "is like a cigar." "What's the answer?" inquired the innocent reporter. "If it's good," explained the manager, "everyone wants a box, and if it's bad no amount of puffing will make it draw."—Bystander.

MUCH IN LITTLE

Indian statistics give the tons of coal mined per year per person employed as follows: India 101, England 290, the United States 596.

The examination of over 400 flies at the Connecticut agricultural ex-

While the forests of the United States are increasing at the rate of 7,000,000,000 cubic feet a year, the country is using 23,000,000,000 cubic feet of wood each 12 months.

The most important of the useful minerals that have been found in Santo Domingo in modern times are gold, silver, iron ore, copper ore, lignite, salt and petroleum.

The Chinese board of law has instructed the Canton authorities that by the beginning of next year ad-

The bogs of Sweden. It is now estimated, would yield 10,000 million tons of air-dried peat. Compared with present coal imports, this would supply the country with fuel for 1,500

Athens has 60 native dentists. There are also three foreign dentists, who have modern equipment, charge high prices, and have so many clients that they are obliged to turn some of them away.

The tunnel through the backbone of the Andes on the Transandean railway, connecting Valparaiso and Buenos Ayres, is to be completed about June 1, 1919, after which date it is expected regular trains will be running. The tunnel is 10,451 feet long.

Coal mining in the northern part of Formosa is a growing industry.

shows a steady increase in the number of mines worked and the amount of coal mined, and keeps pace with local demand for the railway, steamers and factories, leaving about 25,000 tons for export to China.

The novel lifebelt of P. Guterman, an English inventor, is a metal strap,

adjustable to man or child, with four air-filled metallic floats about the size of an ordinary coconut. It is claimed that the wearer of the belt must always assume and keep a perpendicular position in the water.

waters are charged with silt. In recent years the river has silted up, until it is above the surrounding country, and during the recent rains it broke out above Teimningfu and poured enormous floods into the adjoining country. Standing on the bridge under which the river used to flow the remarkable spectacle is seen of the river bed, over 1,000 feet wide, above

River bed, over 1,000 feet wide, absolutely dry—the river has completely deserted its course.